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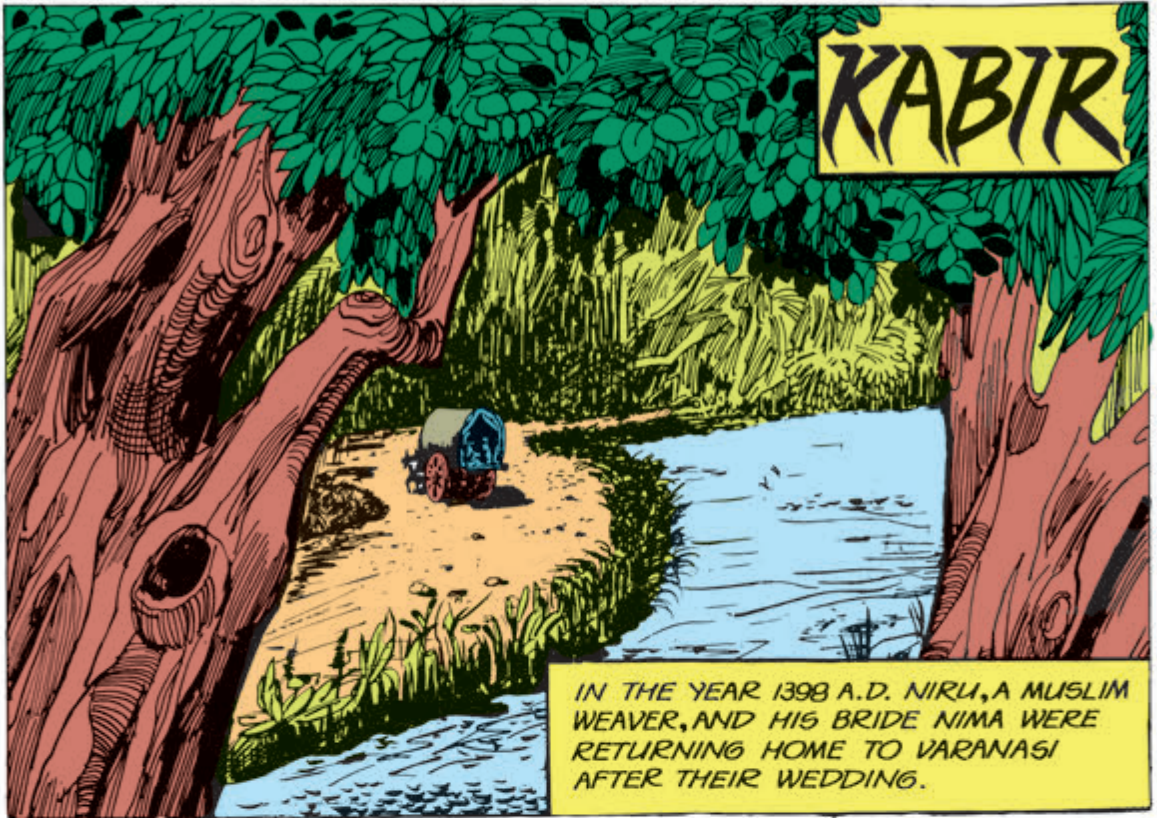
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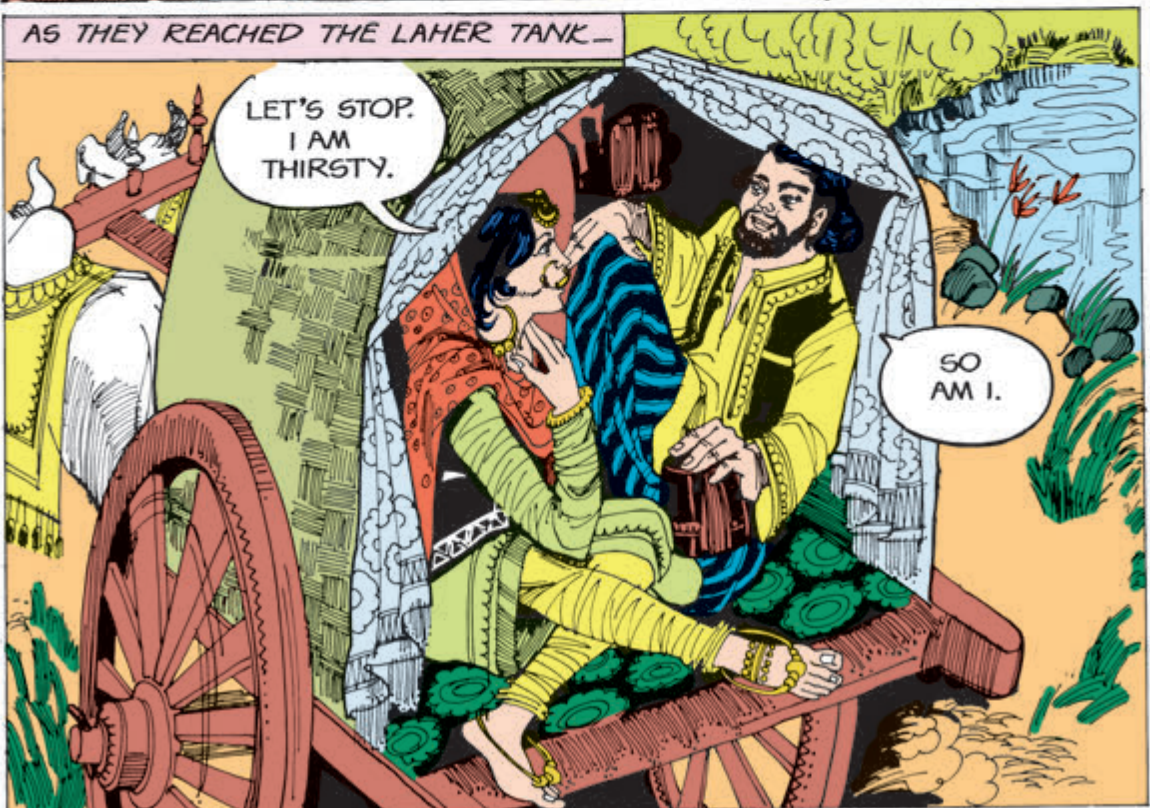


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IN THE YEAR 1398 A.D. NIRU, A MUSLIM WEAVER, AND HIS BRIDE NIMA WERE RETURNING HOME TO VARANASI AFTER THEIR WEDDING.

AS THEY REACHED THE LAHER TANK —



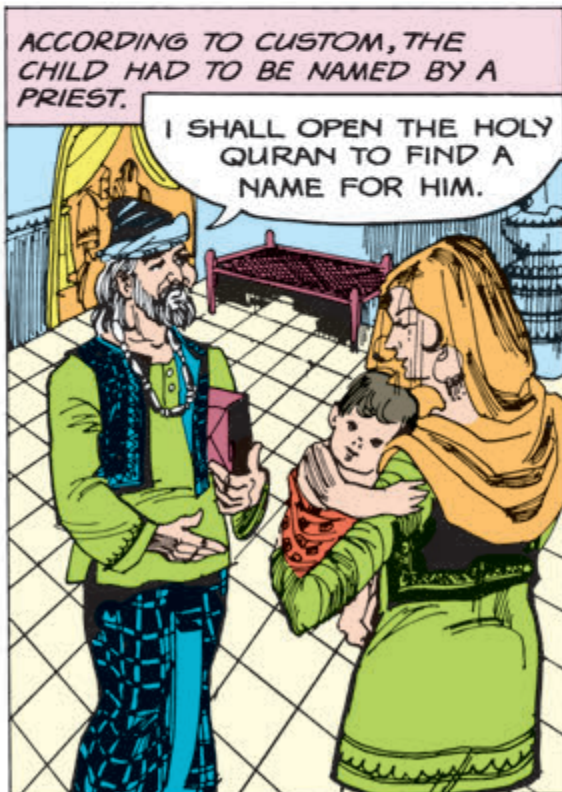
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I AM  
THIRSTY.

SO  
AM I.

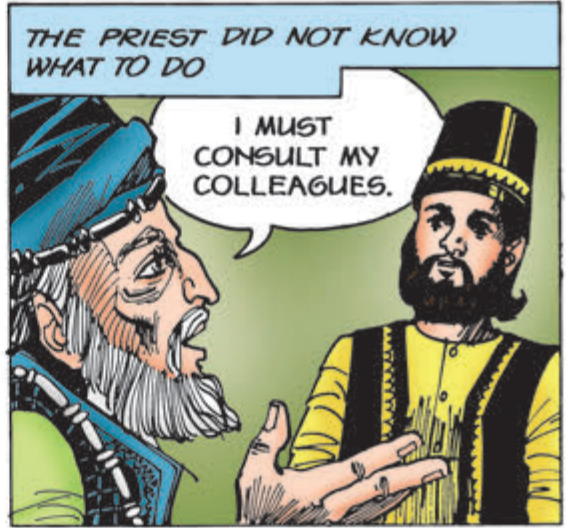
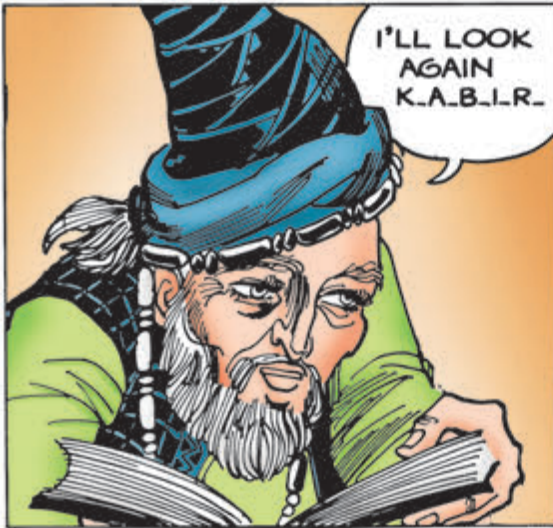




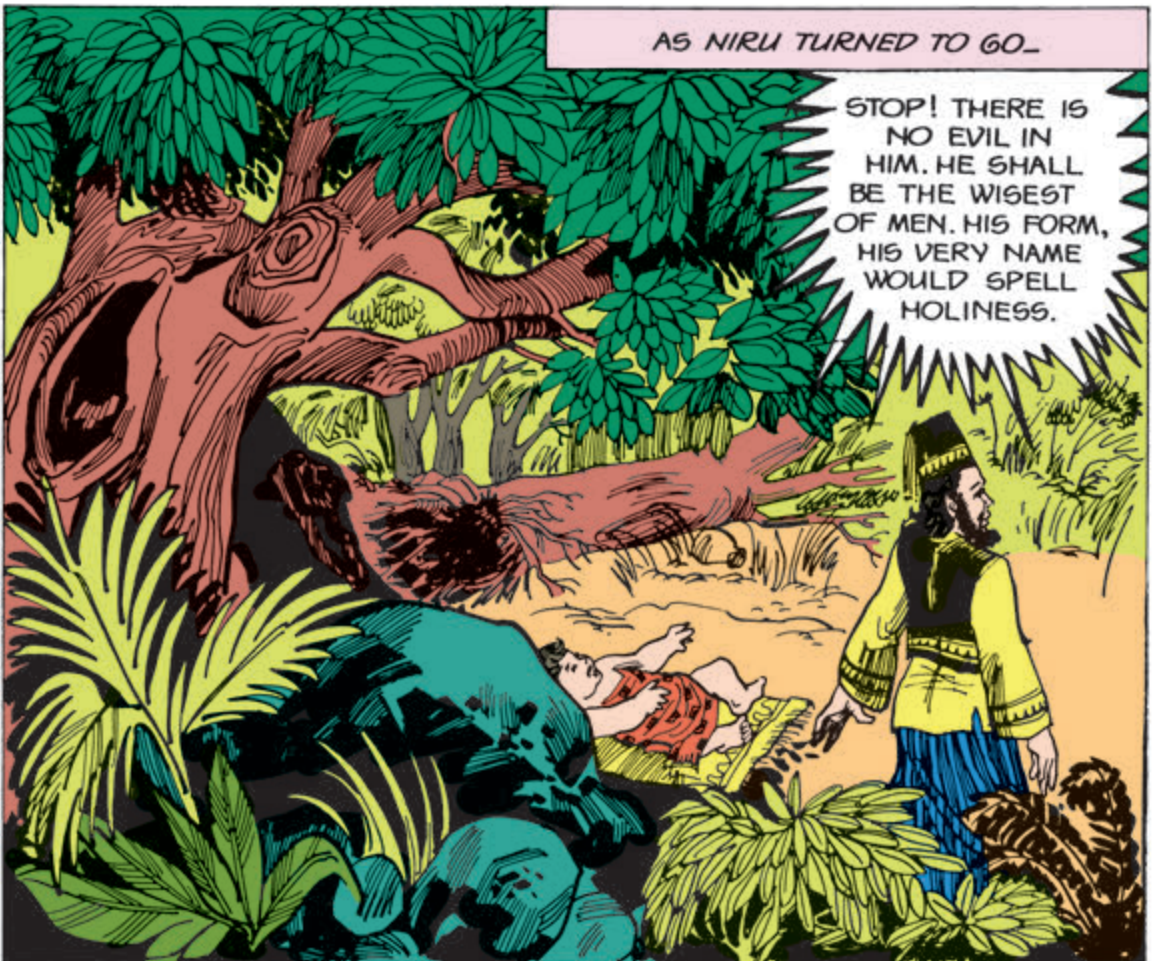
















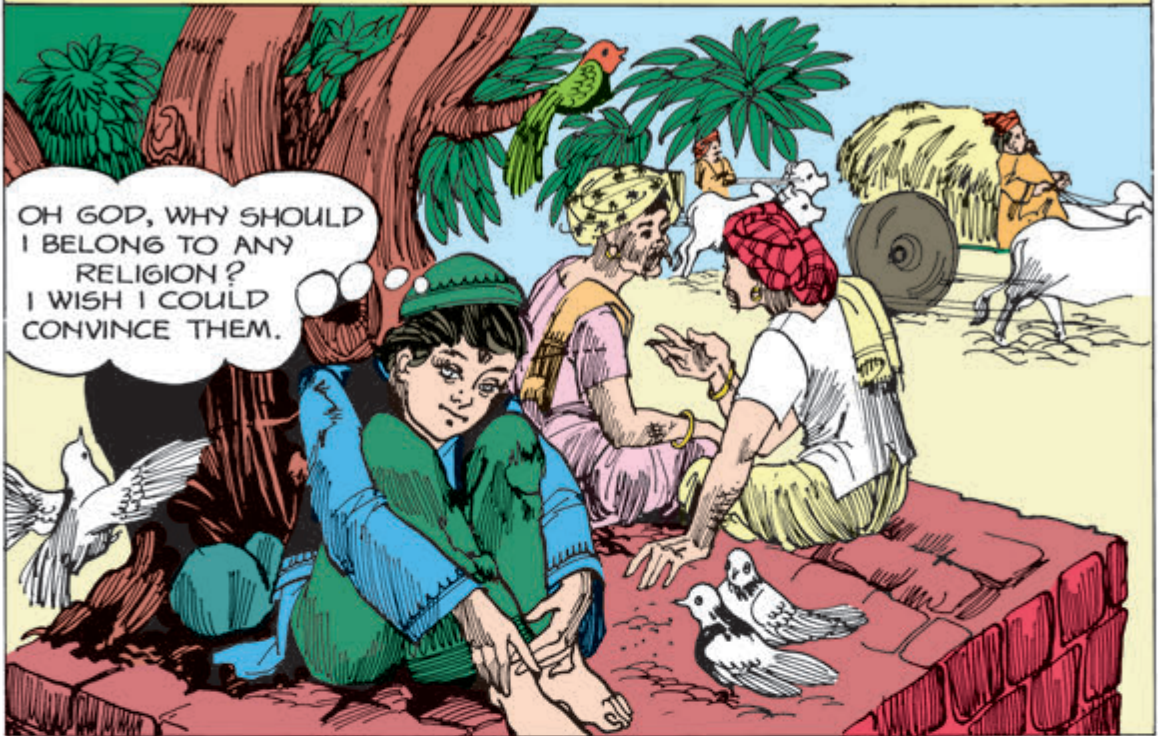




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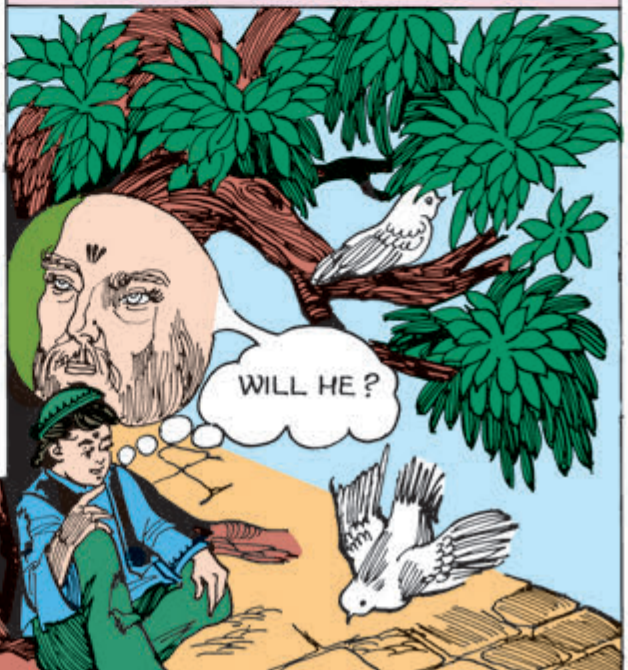
SUCH TREATMENT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO KABIR'S VIEWS.



KABIR WANTED A SPIRITUAL GUIDE.



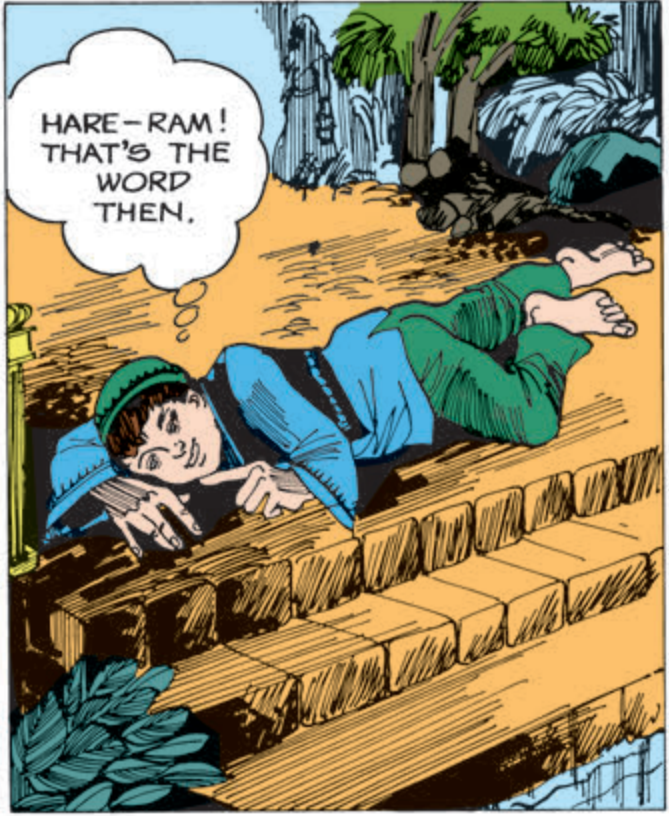
THE TROUBLED KABIR THOUGHT OF SWAMI RAMANAND, A GREAT VAISHNAVA SAINT.



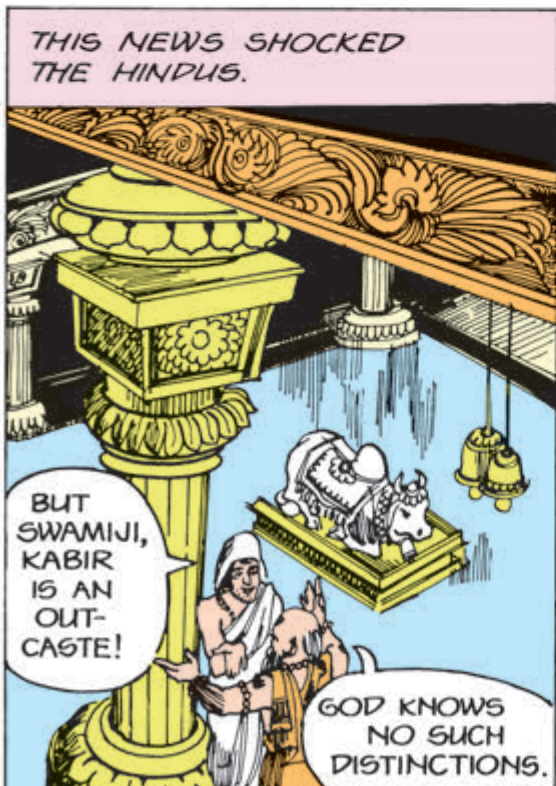
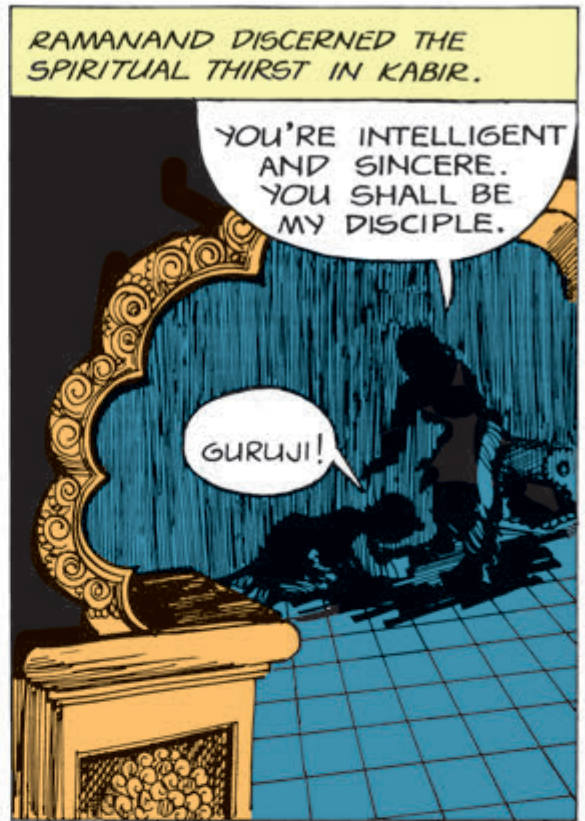




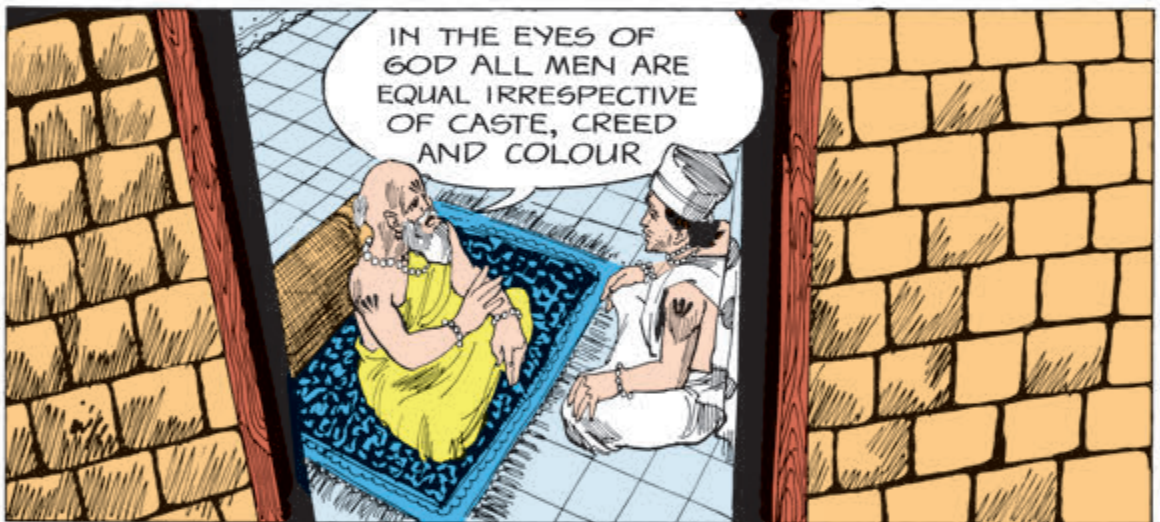
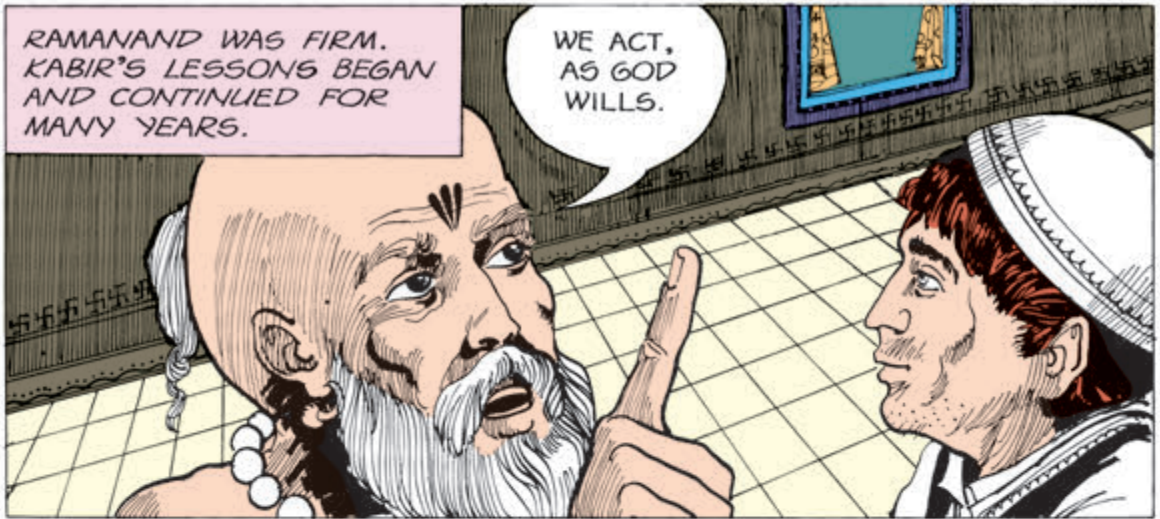












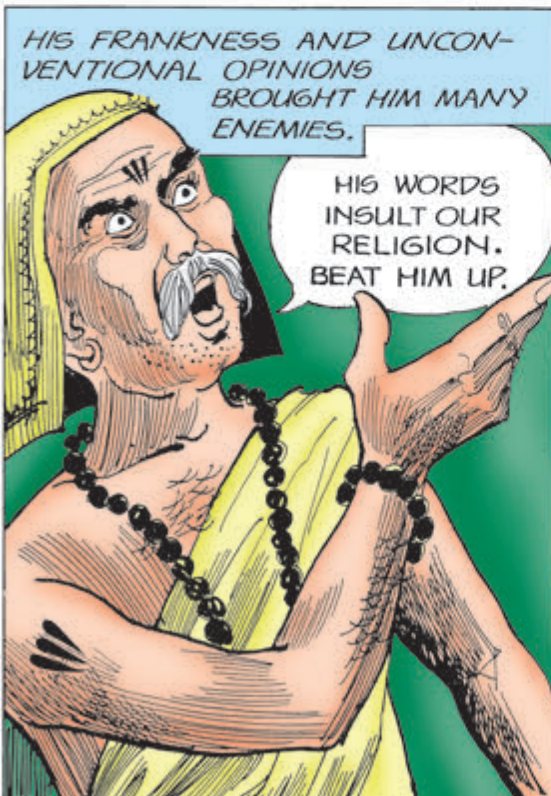




KABIR ALWAYS GAVE AWAY WHATEVER MONEY HE COULD.



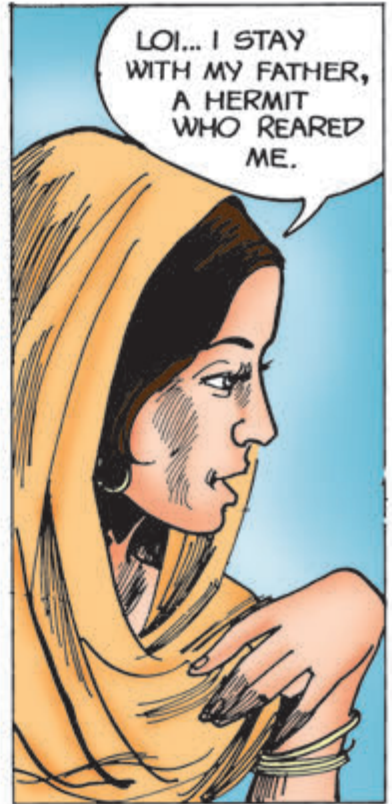
















BUT KABIR PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO WORLDLY MATTERS. HE WAS IMMERSSED IN THOUGHTS OF GOD.



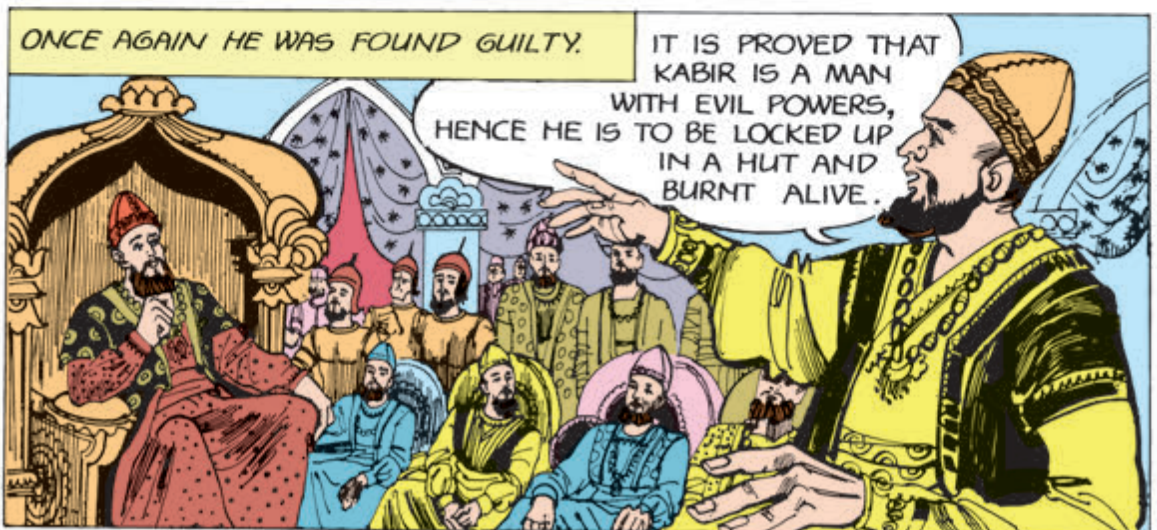
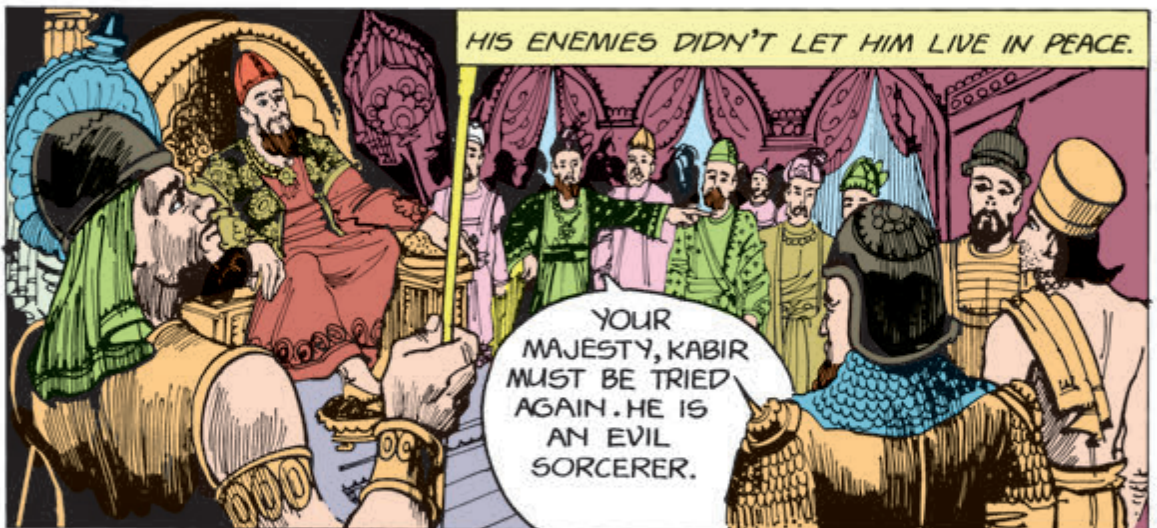






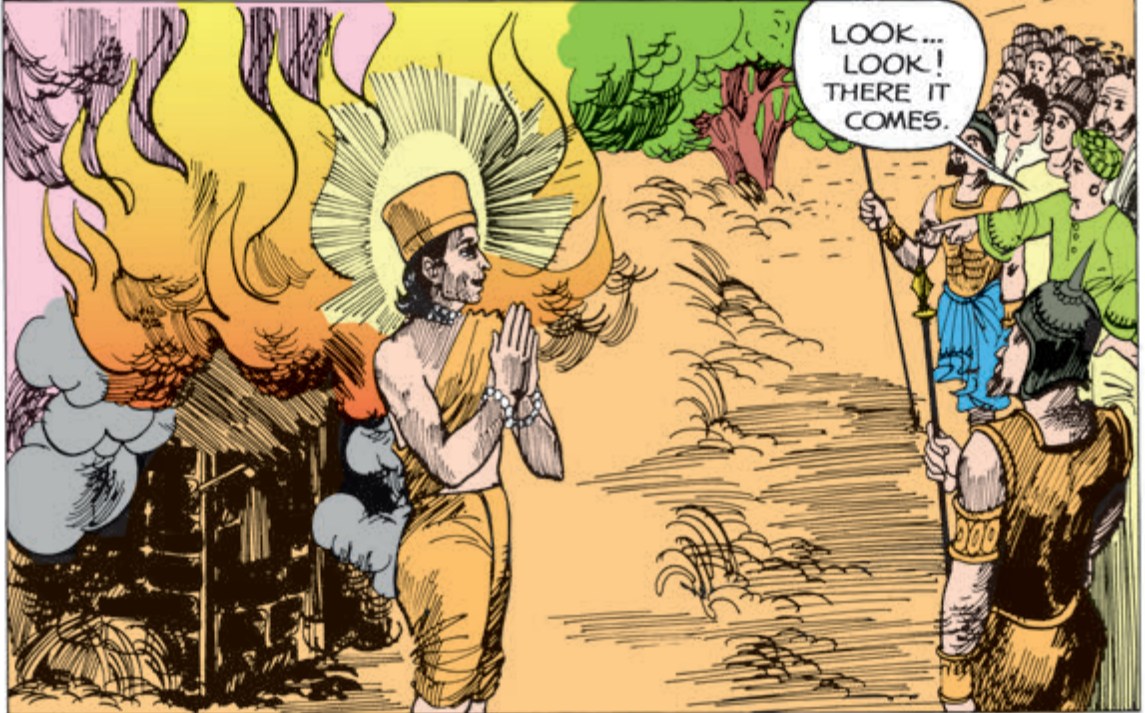








AS THE FLAMES LEAPT UP, A FORM OF GREAT MAJESTY EMERGED FROM THE HUT—IT WAS KABIR.



IT IS THE DEVIL.

AN EVIL SPIRIT!

HELP!

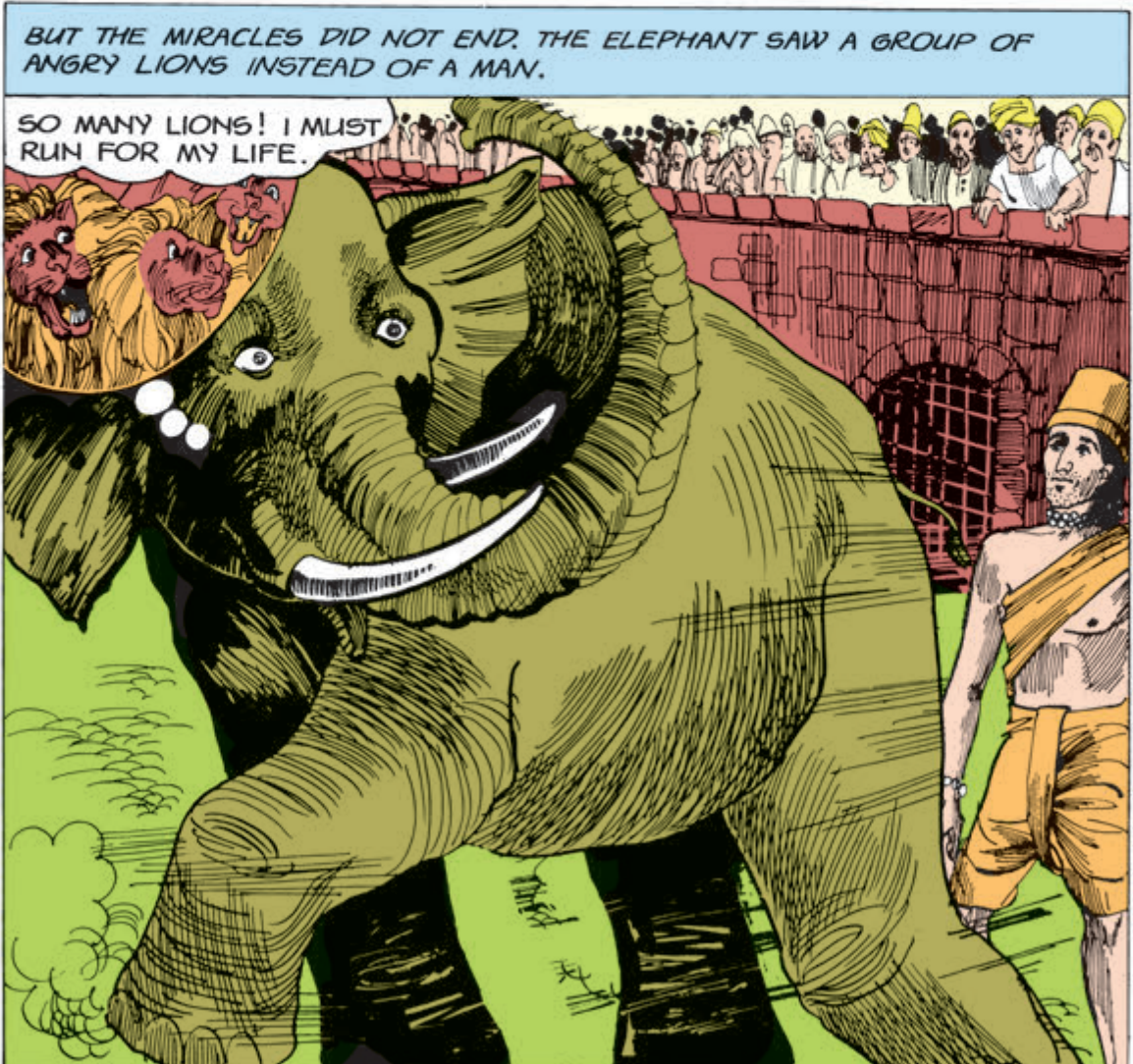


FOR THE THIRD TIME AN APPEAL WAS MADE TO THE EMPEROR.

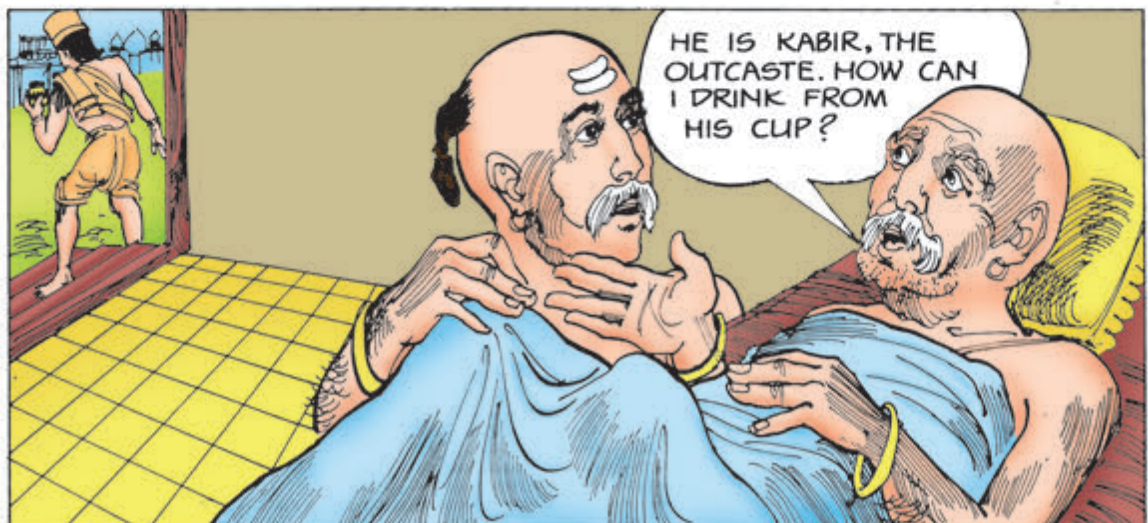
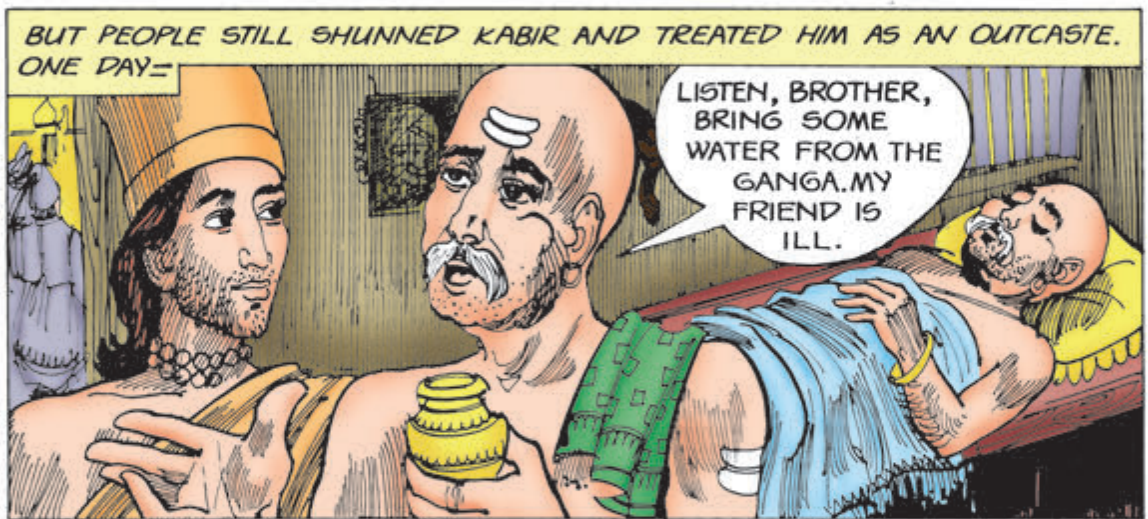
NO RELIGION IS SAFE WHILE KABIR LIVES.



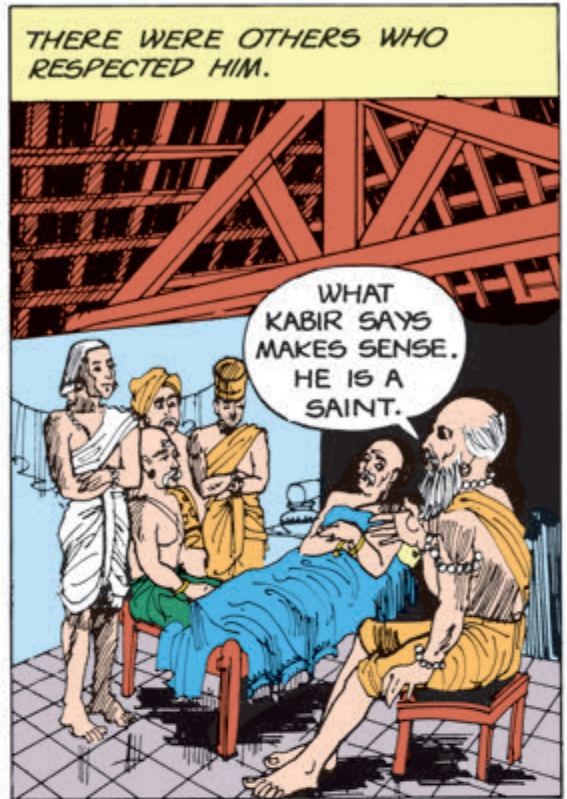














MILLIONS BECAME KABIR'S FOLLOWERS, HIS BHAJANS WERE ON PEOPLE'S LIPS.



HE REMAINED HUMBLE AND CARED NOTHING FOR WORLDLY POSSESSIONS.







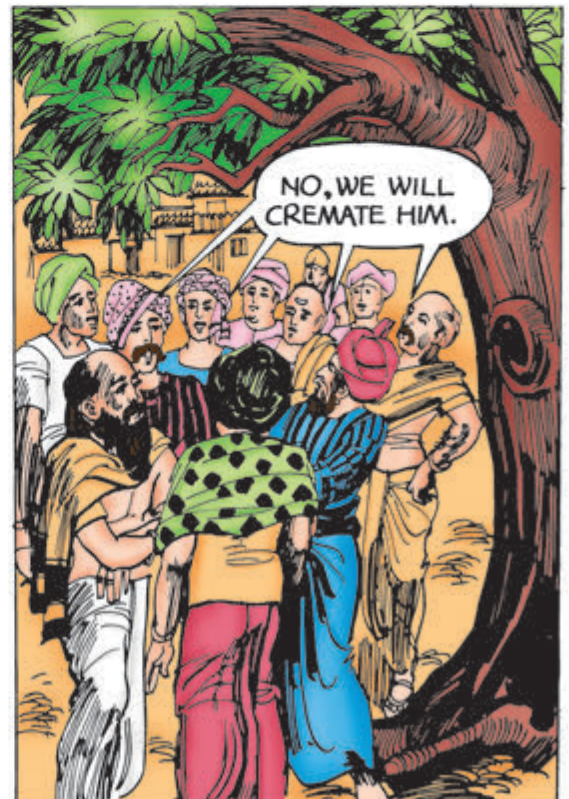




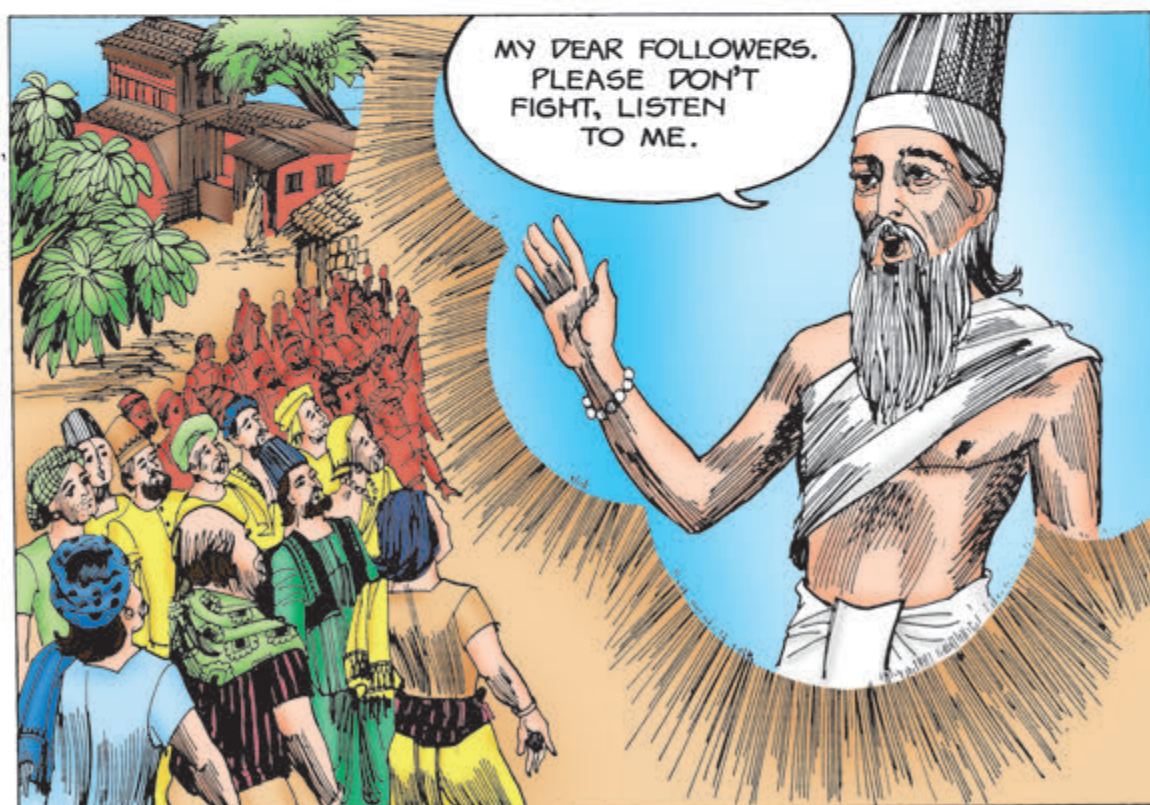
KABIR WAS DETERMINED TO FREE PEOPLE FROM SUPERSTITION. HE LEFT VARANASI. KINGS, DEVOTEES AND SEVERAL OTHERS FOLLOWED HIM TO MAGHAR.



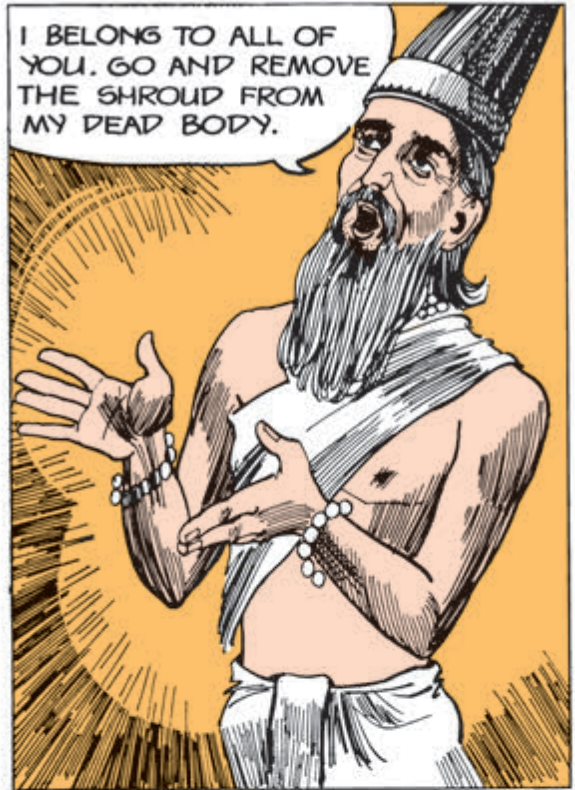














THEN THE DISCIPLES UNDERSTOOD.



REMEMBER, HE  
USED TO SAY,  
"I AM THE CHILD  
OF ALLAH  
AND RAM."

A FEW HINDU DISCIPLES TOOK ONE HALF OF  
THE FLOWERS AND A FEW MUSLIM  
FOLLOWERS THE OTHER HALF.



YOU AND  
YOUR RITUALS!  
FRIENDS, WHEN  
WILL YOU EVER  
LEARN THE  
LESSONS OF THE  
GURU?



WE'LL BURY  
THEM.

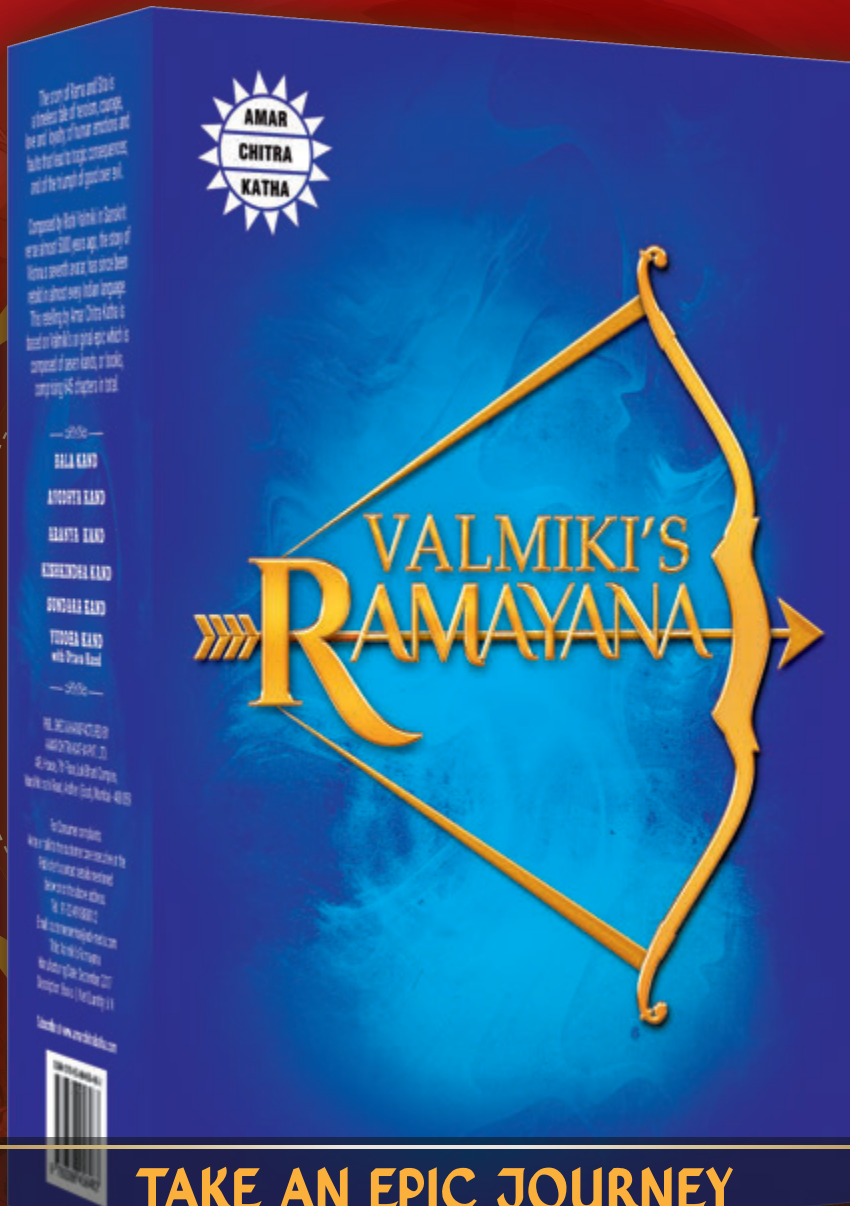
TAKE  
THE  
FLOWERS TO  
VARANASI

HIS TEACHINGS SPREAD FAR AND WIDE. FORTUNATELY FOR US,  
WE CAN STILL IMBIBE THE MESSAGE OF KABIR AND THE SPIRIT OF  
HIS TEACHINGS FROM HIS WORDS, FOREVER PRESERVED IN  
THE GREAT WORK 'BIAK'.





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FROM AYODHYA TO LANKA AND BACK!



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S. Subbulakshmi  Madhvacharya  Mahavira  Marie And Pierre Curie  Megasthenes  Mirabai  Mother Teresa  Narayan Guru  Rabindranath Tagore  Ram Shastri  Ramana Maharshi  Ramanuja  Salim Ali  Shankar Dev  Soordas  Sri. 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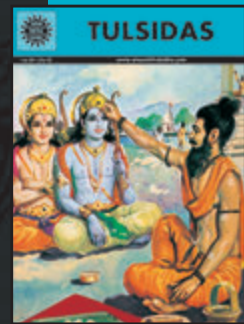
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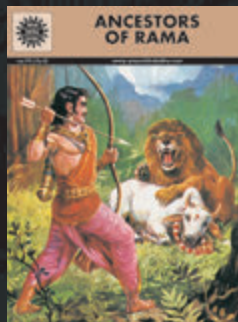
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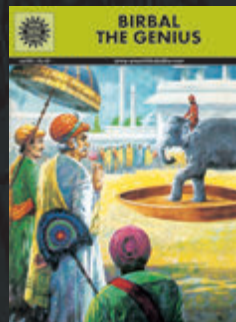
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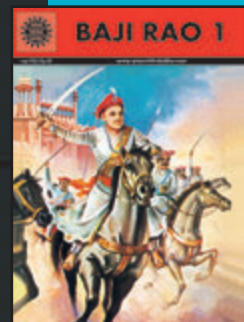
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